

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-16 are in the case.

**I. PRIORITY**

The specification has been amended to update the cross-reference to earlier filed applications. The amendment takes into account the Examiner's question in the paragraph relating to priority on page 2 of the Action. Entry of the requested amendment is respectfully requested.

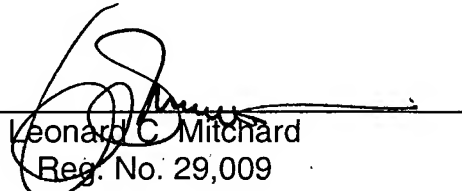
**II. CLAIMS 1-16 ALLOWED**

It is noted, with appreciation, that claims 1-16 are allowed. With the present amendment, it is believed that the present application is now in allowable condition. Early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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